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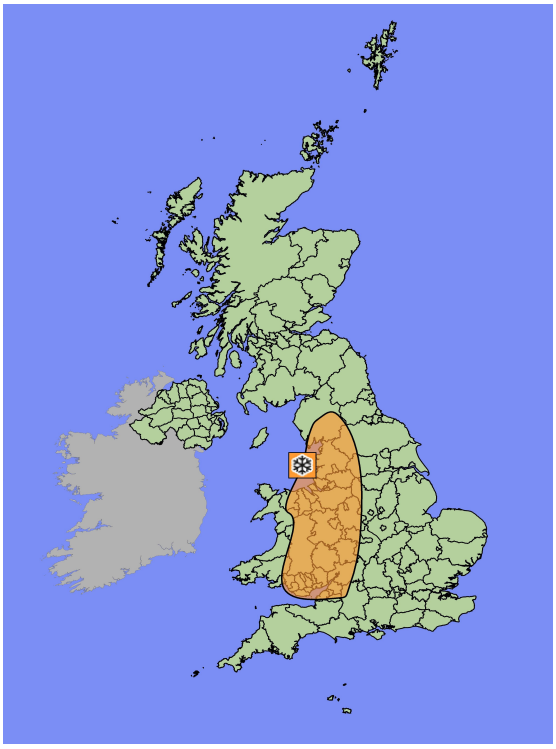

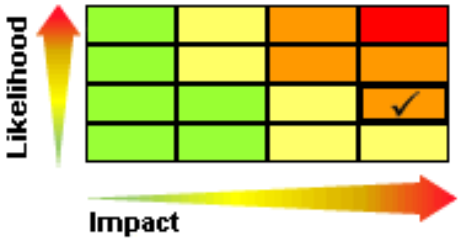

Chief Forecasters Assessment
An active frontal system is expected to move northeastwards across much of the UK during Friday, encountering the very cold air mass which has stagnated over the country over the last couple of days and bringing snow widely across the region. This will be heaviest through the morning, slowly weakening and clearing east during the second half of the day. Over parts of Wales, rain will fall at sea level, though with snow at even modest elevations.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Alert** of **Snow**

Valid from **04:00 on Fri, 18th Jan 2013** until **18:00 on Fri, 18th Jan 2013**

As the weather breaks down, an area of snow looks increasingly likely to spread from the southwest. Winds will strengthen and blizzard conditions are likely, especially over high ground. Accumulations of more than 10-15 cm of snow could well occur quite widely, with the risk of 25 cm or more over high ground.

Clearly there is the potential for some severe disruption, and the public are advised to watch for updates to this warning and to be prepared to alter travel plans.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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